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APPLICANT: Tucker et al. Conf. No.: 4386
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FOR: *Nitric Oxide Donating Derivatives for the Treatment of Cardiovascular Disorders*

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- a. X Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).
- b. A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:
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- a. ☐ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

or

- b. ☒ See the certification below. No fee is required.

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- b. _____ no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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Applies to original applications (other than design) filed on or after May 29, 2000

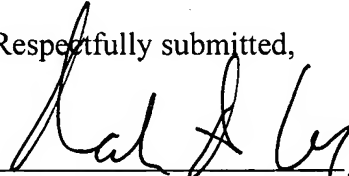
- a. ☐ Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
- b. ☒ Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449.
- c. ☒ Copies of cited references are enclosed.
- d. ☐ Copies of cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior application filed on to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]
- e. ☐ The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.
- f. ☐ The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
- [] the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
- [] the explanation provided in the Specification.
- [] submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
- [] the enclosed English language abstract.

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		5,973,011	Oct. 26, 1999	Noack et al.	514	742	
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		6,133,241	Oct. 17, 2000	Bok et al.	514	27	
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